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AT LAST SEEMLY

## No Opportunity Given German Navy to Venture From Its Retreat.

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sweeps day and night the 140,000 square miles of the North sea on ceaseless vigil, in unflagging hope that one day it will be rewarded by a meeting with the enemy under circumstances wherein he cannot avoid battle. Moreover, this sweeping of the North sea is no mere aimless patrol. In the most casual moves of ships and men there is always a direction and a direct plan. The North sea is as well swept in relation to its size as the drawing room of a well ordered home. The enemy's coastline is still the British Navy's frontier.

The harbor which has been the home of the Grand Fleet for three years is probably the finest of its kind in the world. The whole area comprised in this British northern base is about equal to the hundred odd square miles which the Germans evacuated in France last spring. The battleship squadrons, for example, within their own particular section of this great base, have room for every kind of practice maneuvers, including target practice.

On a sunny afternoon the correspondent was eight battleships at turret or target practice, a detachment of cruisers in maneuvers, and a battleship at work under conditions simulating those of actual warfare, and off around the edges various operations by innumerable small craft and auxiliaries.

**Night Target Practice.**

Night target practice, which also is conducted within the harbor, is always an interesting sight. The battleships steam down the nine mile course, suddenly searching lights pick out a target. Instantly every turret is trained, every gun directed. Then a button is pressed somewhere and the turret speak with one voice in a gigantic broadcast that awakens the echoes from the hills.

There is a variety to the turret practice on a big battleship. The officer in charge of the turret numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Right gun directed. Connecting a part of ship lost. Carry on. The turret men fly off to one side and watch their comrades work as they would in a real battle. There is the sound of a game to it.

**Deadly Efficiency Behind Play.**

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DEC. 31 DATE  
FOR BOND VOTE

## Commissioners Respond to Petition of 1000 for Better County Roads.

Voters in El Paso city and county will be called on Dec. 31 to register their decision on a proposal to issue \$250,000 of bonds, all to be used for constructing, or rather reconstructing the system of paved highways in the county, including the road to Yuleta, which has fallen into such a bad condition that it is nearly impassable.

Friday afternoon, after hearing a petition presented by Judge Adrian Pool and signed by over 1400 voters, the county commissioners decided to call the election. Signatures of W. W. Turner and mayor Chas. Davis headed the list.

Three principal roads are to be built: The Yuleta road, plans for which call for widening it eight feet and reconstructing it; that the maintenance will be almost nothing, but judge Pool said that the city limits to the Santa Fe tracks; and the road from Fort Bliss to Newman, N. M., to connect with a highway from Alamogordo. The greater part of the money from the bonds would be used on the Yuleta road, which would cost \$134,000, it was said.

**Estimates Referred to Engineer.**

The county commissioners have been considering the reconstruction of the Yuleta road for some time, but judge Pool was not satisfied with the estimates made by the county engineer, L. A. White.

While originally seeking signatures for a bond issue for the Yuleta road, judge Pool was asked by many voters why the road north of the city was not to be reconstructed. To do this work, it was found would require about \$30,000. The remainder of the bond issue would be used on the road to the New Mexico line.

**Entire Repeating Available.**

Commissioners J. F. Williams and R. E. Lyons thought perhaps the estimates for the Yuleta road were high, but judge Pool explained that since it was necessary to widen the road, repaving the entire width would be the most satisfactory plan.

It will require about three cents for the bonds, in judge Pool's opinion, but he maintained that the bonds would enable the commissioners to reduce maintenance taxes by the amount of the bonds.

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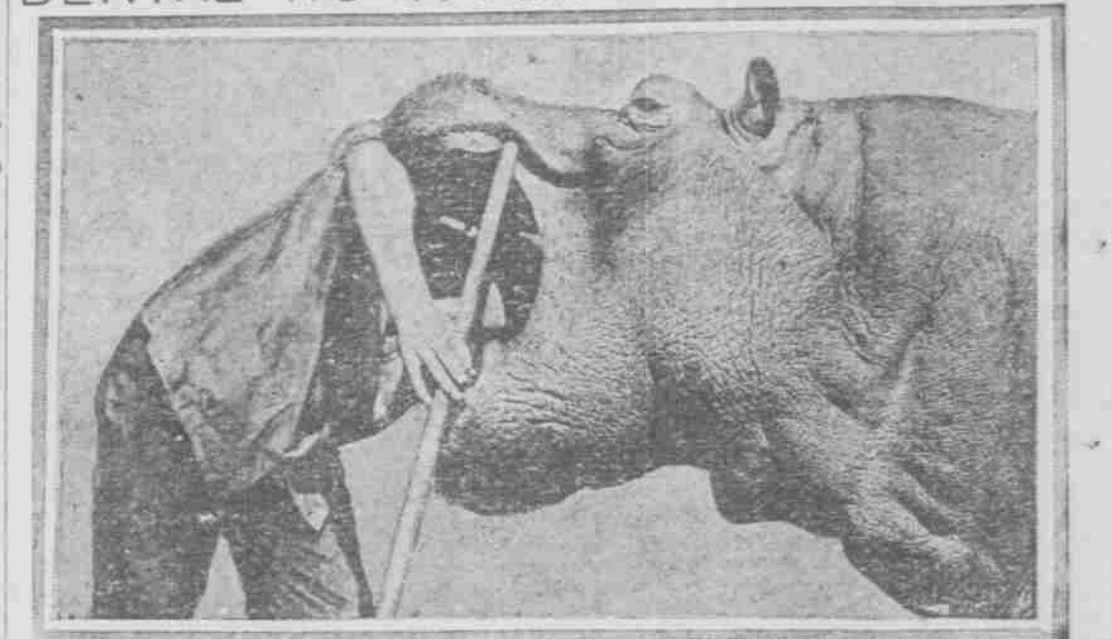
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## DENTAL WORK FOR A HIPOPOOTAMUS



**DENTAL SURGERY**

One of the animal dentists of the New York Zoological gardens endeavoring to repair one of the aching molars of the Zoo's hippo, Miss Murphy. The dentist says it's a great life, but that some day Miss Murphy may close her jaws, and then—it is best left to the imagination.

same amount. Commissioner Williams believed \$250,000 too much to spend on the road from the Hart viaduct to the Santa Fe tracks.

**Protecting The Issue.**

The commissioners, in order to avoid spending any more money than is absolutely necessary, went to record against selling any more bonds than are necessary for the work actually specified, although the taxpayers may approve the issue for the entire \$250,000 worth.

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## Big Drive For Members And Funds For El Paso Y. M. C. A. Will Be Started Next Monday Evening



## Dinner in Y. M. C. A. Monday Lines Up Members; Teams Start Tuesday.

MORE than a hundred members of the local Young Men's Christian association have been divided up into teams and will begin the December drive Monday night for THREE HUNDRED new members. This campaign for new members promises to be the best and most enthusiastic that the local association has ever put on. During the past few months 200 El Paso Y. M. C. A. members have joined the army or navy and to overcome this depletion of the local membership the December drive for 300 new members has been planned.

Ten teams of ten men each will be headquartered in the Y. M. C. A. lobby Monday night, December 3, at 8:30 o'clock. A fine dinner will be served the men, good speeches will be heard and lots of pep put into every team worker. The plan of the campaign talked over and then the drive for 300 new members will be on.

**Association Is Active.**

The local association is carrying on the fullest program of activities that it has ever undertaken. Every department is showing results, and reaching a larger number of men despite the number of men who have left to serve Uncle Sam. The physical, membership, educational, religious, social, boys' employment and recreation departments of the local "Y" are doing a most efficient piece of work.

**To Raise Funds, Too.**

In conjunction with the December drive for new members a financial campaign was planned by the board of directors of the association at a luncheon at Hotel Sheldon Wednesday noon. The board is going out to raise \$4000, which will clean up all indebtedness of the association and put it on the most efficient basis for the remainder of the year. Messrs. H. R. Christie, Julian Krakauer and W. H. Bryan were appointed by president J. H. Nations to carry on this campaign. A team composed of men of the board of directors will secure the

ABOVE is a picture of the automobile class in the Y. M. C. A. educational department. The automobile class is one of the many educational classes now being conducted by the association. Others include telegraphy, salesmanship, Bible study, mechanical drawing, Spanish for English speaking members and English for Spanish speaking members. Besides this work, the association carries on its moral uplift work and its physical training. The physical training will receive attention in these columns at the next issue.

## What The Y. Asks And What It Gives

The Young Men's Christian association asks of the community:

- Membership.
- Voluntary Service.
- Contributions.
- Moral Support.
- It gives in return:

- Physical Gymnasium.
- Swimming Pool.
- Recreative Games.
- Health.
- Educational Night School.
- Entertainment.
- Reading Room.
- Practical Talks.
- Discussion Clubs.
- Religious Bible Classes.
- Sunday Meetings.
- Christian Training.
- Christian Fellowship.
- Social Friendship.
- Clean Environment.
- Healthful Environment.
- Companionship.

subscriptions in the finance campaign. Some of the biggest and most successful business men in El Paso stand for the Y. M. C. A. The following list of men who compose the advisory board and board of directors will prove this statement: On the advisory board are H. M. Andrews, W. Cooley, Crawford Harris, J. Krakauer, R. K. Grandstaff, H. T. Ponsford, R. K. Stevenson, E. S. Stewart, W. H. Bryan, H. R. Christie, C. W. Croon, C. M. Harvey, A. L. Hawley, J. G. McNary, J. H. Nations, president; C. M. Newman, R. E. Nold, recording secretary; J. J. Ormiston, M. Patterson, E. G. Perry, G. J. Putnam, J. A. Raylins, vice president; L. A. Sudd, treasurer; R. K. Stevenson and R. A. Whitlock.

**History of the Movement.**

"Who was the founder of this world wide red triangle movement? Since the Y. M. C. A. has come into such world wide prominence through the strategic position which it holds in its relation to the present world

war, the above question is asked frequently. The founder of the Y. M. C. A. was a sheep herder's son. Sir George Williams, the son of a sheep herder, was born in the county of Somerset, England, Oct. 11, 1811. He came from the sturdy English yeoman stock, who lived in the days when British farming was an honorable profession, and before the time when machinery and chemistry had reduced it to the level of a factory work. Those who knew George Williams could not fail to be impressed by his extraordinary physical energy, endurance and mighty reserve power. As a country lad at the age of 13 he was sent by his father to London to learn the draper's trade. His hours of work were excessive. The moral and conversation of the apprentices was anything but inspiring. He was converted at the age of 16 in a little Congregational chapel in London and became an ardent church worker. His motto every moment from the age of 16 to 24 was: "Not how little, but how much can we do for others." His first meeting in a room adjoining the draper's shop. Prayer was the rock upon which he built his daily life.

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